

I CLAIM:

1. A lamp for selectively blocking out light, the lamp comprising:

a lamp body having a lower base at a first end and a socket at a second end for receiving a light bulb and electrically powering said light bulb;

a removable opaque covering dome to be placed over said light bulb for substantially blocking light being generated by said light bulb;

a lamp shade having mounting means for mounting said lamp shade at a level of said socket, and an upper aperture allowing vertical access to said light bulb for placing said dome over said light bulb within said lamp shade; and

a support platter positioned substantially at said level of said socket for supporting said covering dome such that said covering dome is independent of said lamp and does not come into contact with said lamp body and said light bulb.

2. A lamp as claimed in claim 1, wherein said support platter comprises a centrally positioned aperture to mate with said socket.

3. A lamp as claimed in claim 2, wherein said aperture is circular and said support platter integrates a threaded ring to engage with said socket.

4. A lamp as claimed in claim 2, further comprising an annular ring to threadingly engage said socket to secure said support platter to said lamp body.

5. A lamp as claimed in claim 2, wherein said support platter is circular.

6. A lamp as claimed in claim 2, wherein said support platter has a flange around an outer perimeter to facilitate placement of said covering dome.

7. A lamp as claimed in claim 1, wherein said mounting means comprise three branches attached to a ring for receiving said socket.

8. A lamp as claimed in claim 1, wherein said covering dome is made of ceramic.

9. A lamp as claimed in claim 1, wherein said covering dome comprises a handle positioned on an upper surface thereof to manipulate said covering dome.

10. A lamp as claimed in claim 1, wherein said covering dome comprises an aperture on a vertical surface thereof and means for closing said aperture for selectively allowing light through said opening.

11. A lamp as claimed in claim 10, wherein said means for closing said aperture comprise a sliding door.

12. A lamp as claimed in claim 10, wherein said means for closing said aperture comprise a second dome having a larger diameter than said covering dome such that said covering dome may be disposed within said second dome.

13. A lamp as claimed in claim 12, wherein said second dome comprises an aperture on a vertical surface thereof,

such that alignment of apertures of said covering dome and said second dome allow light therethrough and misalignment prevents light from escaping.

14. A lamp as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a fluorescent light bulb having a form factor of a standard incandescent light bulb.

15. A kit for use in combination with a lamp used to selectively block out light, the lamp having a lamp body with a socket at one end for receiving a light bulb and electrically powering said light bulb, the kit comprising:

a lamp shade having mounting means for mounting said lamp shade to said socket, and an upper aperture allowing vertical access to said light bulb for placing a dome over said light bulb within said lamp shade; and

a support platter positioned substantially around said socket for supporting said covering dome such that said covering dome is independent of said lamp and does not come into contact with said lamp body and said light bulb.

16. A kit as claimed in claim 15, wherein said lamp shade and support platter are formed as one piece.

17. A kit as claimed in claim 15, wherein said support platter comprises a centrally positioned aperture to mate with said socket.

18. A kit as claimed in claim 17, wherein said aperture is circular and said support platter integrates a threaded ring to engage with said socket.

19. A kit as claimed in claim 17, further comprising an annular ring to threadingly engage said socket to secure said support platter to said lamp body.

20. A kit as claimed in claim 17, wherein said support platter is circular.

21. A kit as claimed in claim 17, wherein said support platter has a flange around an outer perimeter to facilitate placement of said covering dome.

22. A kit as claimed in claim 15, wherein said mounting means comprise three branches attached to a ring for receiving said socket.

23. A kit as claimed in claim 15, further comprising a removable opaque covering dome to be placed on top of said light bulb for substantially blocking all light being generated by said light bulb, wherein said dome is supported by said support platter.

24. A kit as claimed in claim 23, wherein said covering dome is made of ceramic.

25. A kit as claimed in claim 23, wherein said covering dome comprises an aperture on a vertical surface thereof and means for closing said aperture for selectively allowing light through said opening.

26. A kit as claimed in claim 25, wherein said means for closing said aperture comprise a sliding door.

27. A kit as claimed in claim 25, wherein said means for closing said aperture comprise a second dome having a larger diameter than said covering dome such that said covering dome may be disposed within said second dome.

28. A kit as claimed in claim 27, wherein said second dome comprises an aperture on a vertical surface thereof, such that alignment of apertures of said covering dome and said second dome allow light therethrough and misalignment prevents light from escaping.

29. A kit as claimed in claim 15, further comprising a fluorescent light bulb having a form factor of a standard incandescent light bulb.

30. A kit for use in combination with a lamp used to selectively block out light, the lamp having a lamp body with a socket at one end for receiving a light bulb and electrically powering said light bulb, the kit comprising:

a removable opaque covering dome to be placed on top of said light bulb for substantially blocking all light being generated by said light bulb; and

a support platter positioned substantially around said socket for supporting said covering dome such that said covering dome is independent of said lamp and does not come into contact with said lamp body and said light bulb.

31. A kit as claimed in claim 30, wherein said support platter comprises a centrally positioned aperture to mate with said socket.

32. A kit as claimed in claim 31, wherein said support platter threadingly engages with said socket via said aperture.

33. A kit as claimed in claim 31, further comprising an annular ring to threadingly engage said socket to secure said support platter to said lamp body.

34. A kit as claimed in claim 31, wherein said support platter is circular.

35. A kit as claimed in claim 31, wherein said support platter has a flange around an outer perimeter to facilitate placement of said covering dome.

36. A kit as claimed in claim 30, wherein said covering dome is made of ceramic.

37. A kit as claimed in claim 30, wherein said covering dome comprises a handle positioned on an upper surface thereof to manipulate said covering dome.

38. A kit as claimed in claim 30, wherein said covering dome comprises an aperture on a vertical surface thereof and means for closing said aperture for selectively allowing light through said opening.

39. A kit as claimed in claim 30, wherein said means for closing said aperture comprise a sliding door.

40. A kit as claimed in claim 38, wherein said means for closing said aperture comprise a second dome having a

larger diameter than said covering dome such that said covering dome may be disposed within said second dome.

41. A kit as claimed in claim 40, wherein said second dome comprises an aperture on a vertical surface thereof, such that alignment of apertures of said covering dome and said second dome allow light therethrough and misalignment prevents light from escaping.

42. A kit as claimed in claim 30, further comprising a fluorescent light bulb having a form factor of a standard incandescent light bulb.

43. A lamp for selectively blocking out light, the lamp comprising:

- a lamp body having a lower base at a first end and a socket at a second end for receiving a light bulb and electrically powering said light bulb;

- a support platter directly connected to said socket, said support platter having a substantially centrally positioned aperture to mate with said socket; and

- a removable opaque covering dome to be placed over said light bulb and onto said support platter for substantially blocking light being generated by said light bulb.

44. A lamp as claimed in claim 43, wherein said aperture is circular and said support platter integrates a threaded ring to engage with said socket.

45. A lamp as claimed in claim 43, further comprising an annular ring to threadingly engage said socket to secure said support platter to said lamp body.

46. A lamp as claimed in claim 43, wherein said support platter is welded to said socket.

47. A lamp as claimed in claim 43, wherein said support platter is circular.

48. A lamp as claimed in claim 43, wherein said support platter has a flange around an outer perimeter to facilitate placement of said covering dome.

49. A lamp as claimed in claim 43, further comprising a lamp shade having mounting means for mounting said lamp shade to said socket, and an upper aperture allowing vertical access to said light bulb for placing said dome over said light bulb within said lamp shade.

50. A lamp as claimed in claim 49, wherein said mounting means comprise three branches attached to a ring for receiving said socket.

51. A lamp as claimed in claim 43, wherein said covering dome is made of ceramic.

52. A lamp as claimed in claim 43, wherein said covering dome comprises a handle positioned on an upper surface thereof to manipulate said covering dome.

53. A lamp as claimed in claim 43, wherein said covering dome comprises an aperture on a vertical surface thereof and means for closing said aperture for selectively allowing light through said opening.

54. A lamp as claimed in claim 53, wherein said means for closing said aperture comprise a sliding door.

55. A lamp as claimed in claim 53, wherein said means for closing said aperture comprise a second dome having a larger diameter than said covering dome such that said covering dome may be disposed within said second dome.

56. A lamp as claimed in claim 55, wherein said second dome comprises an aperture on a vertical surface thereof, such that alignment of apertures of said covering dome and said second dome allow light therethrough and misalignment prevents light from escaping.

57. A lamp as claimed in claim 43, further comprising a fluorescent light bulb having a form factor of a standard incandescent light bulb.